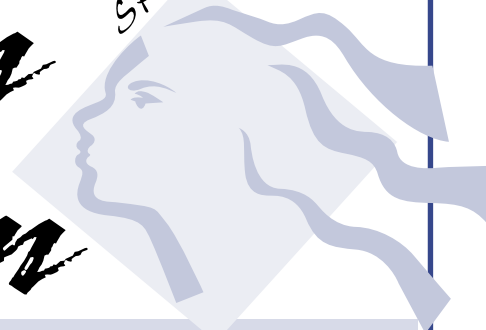


# Michigan Women

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## ELECTED WOMEN IN MICHIGAN - Status in 2005

Michigan is indeed fortunate to have many women involved in the executive, judicial and legislative branches of government from the local level to the federal level. We also want to acknowledge all of the many women serving the public in a variety of roles in state government – we thank you for your work!

### *Elected Women in Statewide Office*

Governor Jennifer M. Granholm  
Terri Lynn Land, Secretary of State

### *Michigan Women in U.S. Congress*

Of the 100 members of the U.S. Senate, there are fourteen, or 14 percent (9D, 5R) women currently serving in the 109th Congress (2005-07). Women hold two of 20 U. S Senate committee chairs positions. Michigan currently has one woman Senator, elected in 2000 for a six-year term.

Member	Party	District
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## Elected Women in Michigan

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Of the 435 seats in the 109th U.S. Congress, 65 or 12.1 percent are held by women. Women hold zero of 20 U.S. House of Representatives committee chair positions. Of the 15 U.S. Representatives for Michigan in the 109th Congress, two women were elected in 2004 for a two-year term.

<i>Member</i>	<i>Party</i>	<i>District</i>
Candice Miller	R	10 (St. Clair Shores)
Carolyn Cheeks Kilpatrick	D	13 (Detroit)

### **Michigan Women In Michigan Senate**

In 2003, 11 women (5 Democrats and 6 Republicans) out of 38 members became members of the Michigan Senate. This was a substantial increase from 1998 when we had three women in the Michigan Senate. Also, Senator Shirley Johnson became the first woman to chair the Senate Appropriations Committee in the same year.

<i>Member</i>	<i>Party</i>	<i>District (area)</i>
Martha Scott	D	2 (Highland Park)
Irma Clark-Coleman	D	3 (Detroit)
Laura Toy	R	6 (Livonia)
Shirley Johnson	R	13 (Royal Oak)
Gilda Jacobs	D	14 (Huntington Woods)
Nancy Cassis	R	15 (Novi)
Beverly Hammerstrom	R	17 (Temperance)
Liz Brater	D	18 (Ann Arbor)
Patricia Birkholz	R	24 (Saugatuck)
Deborah Cherry	D	26 (Burton)
Michelle McManus	R	35 (Lake Leelanau)

### **Michigan Women in the Michigan House of Representatives**

In 2005, of the 110 members, we have 19 women and 91 men. 13 of the women members are Democrats and 6 are Republicans. This is a decrease from the high in 1998 when we had 31 women.

<i>Member</i>	<i>Party</i>	<i>District (area)</i>
Mary Waters	D	4 (Detroit)
Marsha Cheeks	D	6 (Detroit)
Barbara Farrah	D	13 (Southgate)
Kathleen Law	D	23 (Gilbraltar)
Marie Donigan	D	26 (Royal Oak)
Lisa Wojno	D	28 (Warren)
Brenda Clack	D	34 (Flint)
Shelley Taub	R	40 (Bloomfield Hills)
Fran Amos	R	43 (Waterford)
Paula Zelenko	D	50 (Burton)
Pam Byrnes	D	52 (Manchester)
Alma Wheeler Smith	D	54 (Ypsilanti)
Kathy Angerer	D	55 (Washtenaw)
Leslie Mortimer	R	65 (Jackson)
Dianne Byrum	D	67 (Lansing)
Gretchen Whitmer	D	69 (East Lansing)

Judy Emmons	R	70 (Sheridan)
Tonya Schuitmaker	R	80 (PawPaw)
Barbara Vander Veen	R	89 (Allendale)

### **Other Statewide Elected Offices**

#### **Michigan Supreme Court (3 women/7 judges)**

Maura Corrigan  
Marilyn Kelly  
Elizabeth Weaver

#### **State Board of Education (6 women/8 members)**

Elizabeth Bauer  
Carolyn Curtin  
Nancy Danhof  
Marianne Yared McGuire  
Kathleen Straus, President  
Eileen Lappin Weiser

#### **Michigan State University Board of Trustees (4 women/8 trustees)**

Dolores Cook  
Melanie Foster  
Dorothy Gonzales  
Colleen McNamara

#### **University of Michigan Board of Regents (4 women/8 Regents)**

Olivia Maynard  
Rebecca McGowan  
Andrea Fischer Newman – co-vice-chair  
Katherine White

#### **Wayne State University Board of Trustees (5 women/8 trustees)**

Tina Abbott  
Diane Dunaskiss  
Elizabeth Hardy  
Annetta Miller  
Jacquelin Washington, Chair

The Michigan Women's Commission recognizes our commissioners who currently hold elected office:  
Patricia Hardy – Bloomfield Hills City Commissioner  
Anne Norlander – Calhoun County Clerk and Register of Deeds  
Joyce Watts – Allegan County Clerk and Register of Deeds

## COMMUNITIES FOR EQUITY

In July, 2004, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 6th Circuit ruled that the Michigan High School Athletic Association (MHSAA) scheduling of girls' interscholastic sports during nontraditional seasons violates the right of female student-athletes to equal protection under the Fourteenth Amendment. The decision affirmed the federal district court ruling.

The case was brought by the Communities for Equity (CFE) representing female high school students and their parents. Representatives from CFE, Diane Madsen and Connie Engel presented information about the case and the group's work at the Michigan Women's Commission hearing in Grand Rapids. They have joined with the Michigan Department of Education to hold statewide trainings for Title IX coordinators throughout the state. They conducted a survey of local schools in spring 2004 with a grant from the Michigan Women's Foundation. For more information visit [www.communitiesforequity.com](http://www.communitiesforequity.com)

Since the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals issued its 3-0 decision, the MHSAA filed an "en banc" appeal with the Circuit Court. That means asking the entire panel of judges at the Sixth Circuit to review the case. *Communities for Equity v. Michigan High School Athletic Ass'n, Inc.*, 377 F.3d 504 (6th Cir., 2004), rehearing en banc was denied (Nov 09, 2004) Petition for Certiorari Filed (Jan 28, 2005). No further action has taken place to date.

## FAMILY PLANNING WAIVER

A goal for Governor Jennifer M. Granholm is preventing unintended pregnancies by expanding improving coverage for family planning and assuring all men and women have access to family planning services. One of best ways to do this is by expanding Medicaid eligibility for family planning services to women without insurance coverage whose family income is at or below 185 percent of poverty. The Michigan Department of Community Health submitted a Medicaid 1115a waiver to the federal government in October 2004 to expand Medicaid coverage.

States may apply for Section 1115 waivers to extend coverage of family planning services. To date, 16 states have approved Section 1115 family planning waivers. We are awaiting approval from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

## SURGEON GENERAL KICKS OFF NEW WEBSITE

The state's Surgeon General kicked off the Michigan Steps Up campaign with a new interactive web site. The website, <http://www.michigan.gov/surgeongeneral>, contains all of the tools citizens need to start improving their personal health.

"Now is the time for all of us — from every corner of the state — to take a unified stand against obesity, chronic disease, and unhealthy lifestyles and their serious toll on our economy and quality of life," said Surgeon General Kimberlydawn Wisdom. "In order to have productive and prosperous communities, we must have healthy people. Michigan Steps Up is the catalyst for that collective change."

The healthy lifestyles campaign will help reduce risk factors that threaten the health of Michigan citizens. It recommends people to increase their physical activity, improve healthy eating and reduce tobacco use and secondhand smoke exposure.

First Gentleman Dan Mulhern, the Detroit Shock and Detroit Pistons, and the Governor's Council on Physical Fitness, Sports, and Health have teamed up with the Surgeon General in the campaign.

"As a proponent of mentoring, inspiring children and living by example, I believe that Michigan Steps Up provides a special opportunity for families in Michigan to get healthy together and for parents to teach their kids and kids teach their parents about having fun while making good choices," said Mulhern

## FIA FAMILY RESOURCE CENTERS

The Family Independence Agency has been working with local school districts to place Family Resource Centers in or near local schools. The centers coordinate services according to the goals developed by the family, community, school and other agencies involved. One or more Family Independence Agency specialists work in each center to identify barriers and assist families in connecting with local resources to improve their student's school performance. The centers serve as a "one stop shop" for family services located within or near a neighborhood school. Family Resource Centers greatly add to the options to help address the physical, social and emotional needs that often get in the way of students doing well academically.

We now have 39 Family Resource Centers in Michigan schools and expect to open 10 additional centers in the coming year.

# Commissioners Corner....

Since May 2003, the Michigan Women's Commission (MWC) has been gathering information on issues of concern to women in Michigan to establish and drive our women-led agenda to improve the quality of life for Michigan's women. We held a networking meeting of 100 organizations in September 2003, and we conducted a survey on women's issues through our statewide newsletter and organizations. We held three public hearings in Detroit, Grand Rapids and Lansing in 2004, and we participated in the *Status of Women in Michigan* report issued in 2004 by the Institute of Women Policy Research and funded by the Nokomis Foundation.

In 2002, the Michigan Women's Commission implemented a three-year strategic plan. The strategic plan identified a mission statement and operational structure which provided a framework for the accomplishment of the goals of the Commission. The four goals identified in the plan are as follows:

- 1) to increase economic independence of women,
- 2) to improve health and safety of women,

- 3) to prevent discrimination against women, and
- 4) to increase the public profile and identity of the Michigan

Women's Commission as a resource for Michigan women.

The Michigan Women's Commission with its 15 members appointed by the Governor and ex officio members or liaisons from 18 state departments, has established seven task forces. The task forces are: affirmative action, domestic violence, gender equity/education, pay equity/economic development, unintended pregnancy, senior women and substance abuse to carry out its goals and objectives.

At our December meeting, the Michigan Women's Commission voted to support pay equity legislation introduced by Senator Liz Brater and Representative Gretchen Whitmer. The commission will support passage of this legislation in 2005. We will also hold another public hearing on June 9 in Traverse City. For further information about the hearing, please check our website.

## Female Prisoners and Male Guards

In 1991-92, the Michigan Women's Commission conducted a study on incarcerated women in county jails. Findings of the jail study include: 1) the vast majority of females were incarcerated in county jails for non-violent, often economically-motivated crimes, 2) the growth rate in female jail admissions outpaced the increase in male admissions in the last several years, 3) personal interview results indicated female inmates' concerns regarding sexual assault and harassment by male jail officers.

The study's findings, although based solely on county-run facilities, continue to have an impact throughout Michigan's correctional system. Since August 2000, following several investigations and a settlement with the U.S. Department of Justice, the Michigan Department of Corrections has emphasized the recruitment and hiring of female corrections officers to work at female facilities. A group of male corrections officers impacted by the change filed a lawsuit alleging gender-based discrimination. On December 3, 2004, the United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit issued an opinion

upholding the Michigan Department of Corrections' policy to hire female corrections officers.

In the opinion, the judges cited the Michigan Women's Commission's study on incarcerated women in county jails, as follows:

*"The problem of sexual abuse and other mistreatment of female inmates has long plagued the MDOC. In 1993, following interviews of a number of inmates, the Michigan Women's commission advised the MDOC that it believed that 'sexual assault and harassment are not isolated incidents and that fear of reporting such incidents is a significant problem.'" Everson, et al. v. Michigan. Department of Corrections, et al.*

***Thank you past Michigan Women's Commission members and staff for your important work on this issue!***



# Timeline - Highlights of U. S. Women's History

- 1848** – Seneca Falls Convention (the first Women's Rights Convention) drafted the "Declaration of Sentiments," often termed the beginning of the US women's movement.
- 1851** – Sojourner Truth of Battle Creek delivers her famous "Ain't I A Woman" speech in Akron, Ohio.
- 1855** – The first college for Michigan women, the Michigan Female College, is founded in Lansing by Abigail Rogers.
- 1867** – Michigan grants women taxpayers the right to vote for school trustees but rejects total woman suffrage.
- 1869** – Susan B. Anthony and Lucretia Mott found the National Woman Suffrage Association. Lucy Stone forms the American Woman Suffrage Association. They merge in 1889 to form the National American Woman Suffrage Association.
- 1870** – Madelon Louisa Stockwell of Albion is the first woman admitted to the University of Michigan.
- 1871** – Sarah Killgore Wertman is the first woman to practice law in Michigan.
- 1872** – Victoria Claflin Woodhull is first woman to declare for the U.S. Presidency.
- 1878** – "Anthony" Amendment introduced in Congress to give women the right to vote.
- 1904** – Anna Howard Shaw of Big Rapids, the first woman ordained minister in the Methodist Protestant Church, is elected president of the National American Woman Suffrage Association.
- 1911** – Harriet Quimby of Branch County is the first woman in the US to receive a certified pilot's license.
- 1916** – Margaret Sanger opens 1<sup>st</sup> US birth control clinic in Brooklyn, New York.
- 1918** – Michigan voters approve a state constitutional amendment to grant women the full right to vote.
- 1920** – Women's Right to Vote amendment is ratified by last state, and made law. "The right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of sex."
- 1921** – Eva McCall Hamilton of Grand Rapids is the first woman to serve in the Michigan Senate.
- 1923** – Alice Paul drafts the Equal Rights Amendment, which is introduced in the U. S. Congress, "Men and women shall have equal rights throughout the United States and every place subject to its jurisdiction."
- 1925** – Cora Reynolds Anderson of L'Anse is the first woman elected to the Michigan House of Representatives.
- 1925** – 2 wives of former Governors become the first woman Governors of Wyoming and Texas.
- 1932** – Hattie Wyatt Caraway of Arkansas is appointed U.S. Senator and elected in 1933.
- 1936** – Emma Schaub of Leelanau County is the first woman to be elected and serve as a county prosecutor in Michigan.
- 1950** – Ruth Thompson of Muskegon is the first Michigan women elected to the U.S. Congress.
- 1955** – Rosa Parks is arrested in Montgomery, Alabama for refusing to give up her seat on a bus to a white man.
- 1961** – President John Kennedy establishes the Presidents' Commission on the Status of Women.
- 1963** – Federal Equal Pay Act is enacted.
- 1964** – Title VII of Civil Rights Act is passed, prohibiting employment discrimination on the basis of sex, race, religion and national origin.
- 1965** – Married couples in all states can obtain contraceptives legally.
- 1966** – National Organization for Women is formed.
- 1967** – President Lyndon Johnson expands Executive Order 11375 to provide affirmative action based on gender. Noreen Hillary of Grand Rapids and Kay Whitfield of Flint are the first women to be Michigan State Troopers.
- 1968** – The Michigan Women's Commission is established by PA 1 of 1968, sponsored by Senator Lorraine Beebe.
- 1972** – U.S. Equal Rights Amendment is passed after re-introduction by U.S. Representative Martha Griffiths of Michigan. "Equality of Rights under the law shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any state on account of sex." Mary Stallings Coleman of Battle Creek is the first woman elected to the Michigan Supreme Court. Title IX of the Education Codes of 1972 requires equal access to academic and athletic programs in education regardless of gender. Michigan is the 20<sup>th</sup> state to ratify the Equal Rights Amendment.
- 1973** – The US Supreme Court legalizes abortion with certain restrictions, Roe v. Wade.
- 1976** – Michigan is enacted the Elliot-Larsen Civil Rights Act, that states "the opportunity to obtain employment, housing and other real estate, and the full and equal utilization of public accommodations, public service, and educational facilities without discrimination because of religion, race, color, national origin, age, sex, height, weight, familial status, or marital status is recognized and declared to be a civil right."
- 1978** – Pregnancy Discrimination Act is enacted to ban employment discrimination against pregnant women. Michigan enacts several comprehensive statutes dealing with domestic violence.
- 1981** – Sandra Day O'Connor becomes first woman justice of the U. S. Supreme Court.
- 1982** – ERA fails as it is three states short of 38 states needed for ratification. Martha W. Griffiths of Romeo is the first woman elected to serve as Lieutenant Governor of Michigan.
- 1984** – Congresswoman Geraldine Ferraro of New York is chosen as the vice-presidential candidate on the Democratic slate.
- 1987** – The Michigan Women's Historical Center and Hall of Fame is opened in Lansing.
- 1993** – Federal Family and Medical Leave Act is enacted.
- 1994** – Federal Violence Against Women Act is passed. Candice Miller of Macomb County is the first woman elected as Michigan Secretary of State.
- 1998** – Record number of women are elected to the Michigan House of Representatives, 31 out of 100 members. Jennifer M. Granholm is elected as first woman Attorney General of Michigan.
- 2000** – Debbie Stabenow is elected as first Michigan woman to serve as US Senator.
- 2002** – Record number of women are elected to the Michigan Senate, 11 out of 38 members. Jennifer M. Granholm is elected as first woman Governor of Michigan.

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**March** – Women's History Month ( [www.hwhp.org](http://www.hwhp.org) and [www.feminist.org/news](http://www.feminist.org/news))

**March 8** – International Women's Day

**March 10** – Michigan Women's Commission Meeting

**March 11** – Michigan Women's Summit 2005

**April** – Sexual Assault Awareness Month

**April 19, Tuesday** – Equal Pay Day

**April 28, Thursday** – Take Our Daughters and Sons to Work Day

**May 8, Sunday** – Mother's Day, first national observance 1914

**June 9, Thursday** – 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.- Michigan Women's Commission Meeting and Public Hearing – Traverse City  
Contact us for more information.

*(For more information, see MI Women's Calendar, [www.michigan.gov/mdcr](http://www.michigan.gov/mdcr))*

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